

Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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REMARKS

The following Remarks are made in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 14, 2005, in which claims 1-9 and 11-40 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1, 16, 19, and 39 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention. Claims 1-9 and 11-40 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-20, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33, and 35-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hower, Jr. et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,467,434. Claims 2, 21, 23, 26, 29, 32, and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hower in view of Keane et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,650,433.

With this Amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify that presenting the print provider with a print provider interface includes presenting the print provider with input fields for specifying attributes of the print services provided thereby. In addition, independent claim 19 has been amended to clarify that the print provider interface includes input fields for specifying attributes of the print services provided by the print provider.

With respect to the Hower, Jr. et al. and Keane et al. patents, neither of these patents, individually or in combination, teach or suggest a method of managing print services as claimed in amended independent claim 1 nor a system for managing print services as claimed in amended independent claim 19. For example, although printer profiles 44-1, 44-2, ... 44-n of the printers 12-1, 12-2, ... 12-n of the Hower, Jr. et al. patent are included in the server 25 of the processing system 10, the printers 12-1, 12-2, ... 12-n of the Hower, Jr. et al. patent are not presented with a print provider interface that includes input fields for specifying attributes of the print services.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 1 and 19 are each patentably distinct from the Hower, Jr. et al. and Keane et al. patents and, therefore, are in a condition for allowance. Furthermore, as dependent claims 2-9 and 11-18 further define patentably distinct claim 1, and dependent claims 20-40 further define patentably distinct claim 19, Applicant submits that dependent claims 2-9 and 11-18 and dependent claims 20-40 are also in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the

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rejection of claims 1, 3-9, 11-20, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33, and 35-40 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and the rejection of claims 2, 21, 23, 26, 29, 32, and 34 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claims 1-9 and 11-40 be allowed.

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In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-9 and 11-40 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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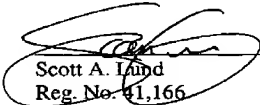
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